

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH August 22, 2006

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

The Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District School Committee held a meeting on this date at 7:00 p.m. in the Exeter-West Greenwich Jr. – Sr. High School Library. Members present were Susan DeSack, Chairperson; Teri Cicero, Vice Chairperson; Gregory Coutcher, Clerk; Paul McFadden; Frank Maher and Bill Clay. Member Bill Munroe was absent. Interim Superintendent James A. DiPrete; Director of Administration Robert V. Ross; Director of Curriculum Nancy I. Daley; and Director of Special Services Maureen DeCrescenzo were present.

ORDER –Chair DeSack called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all and Vice Chair Cicero read the District Mission Statement.

OPEN FORUM – None

PRESENTATION – None

ROUTINE ITEMS – CONSENT AGENDA – Interim Superintendent DiPrete gave an overview of the Consent Agenda.

Member Clay pulled consent agenda item B. Personnel Items, 1. Appointments, d. Request to Hire 1.0 FTE Behavior Specialist at Metcalf School, Salary \$23,060., effective August 28, 2006.

Vice Chair Cicero pulled consent agenda item B. Personnel Items, 1. Appointments e.

**Joy Souza as 1.0 FTE Grade – 2 Teacher at Wawaloam School, Step 3, Bachelors,
Salary \$40,358.00, effective August 28, 2006**

Vice Chair Cicero moved to accept the consent agenda with items B. Personnel Items, 1. Appointments, d. and e. pulled. Seconded by Member Clay. Voted 6 – 0.

The following items were approved:

A. Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2006, Regular Minutes of August 8, 2006

B. Personnel Items

1. Appointments – (As Recommended by the Superintendent) – No Change to Budget FTE's)

a. Michael Buckley as Metcalf School 1.0 FTE, Grade-4 Teacher, effective August 28, 2006

- b. Jayne Ward as Sr. High School 0.5 FTE, Literacy Teacher/Coach, effective August 28, 2006**

- c. David Wright as 1.0 FTE, District Network Administrator, Salary \$58,000., effective August 23, 2006**

2. Leaves of absence

3. Resignations

C. Bills – August invoices in the amount of \$56,136.14

D. Home School Approvals – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)

- 1. Marks – Dawson, Lincoln, Macy, Laureenne**
- 2. Negri – Rachel**
- 3. Sepe – Andrea and Dominique**
- 4. Greene – Kyle, Stephanie, Rachel, Jaclyn**
- 5. Parenteau – Tyler**
- 6. Buckley – John, Christiana**
 - 7. Monti – Hannah**
 - 8. Burgess – Morgan**

9. West – Ila, Lane, and Percy

10. Hathaway – Charles Silas, Peter, Aidan, Lillian, Grace, Georgia, Harold

End Consent Agenda

Interim Superintendent DiPrete reviewed the correspondence.

E. Correspondence– (1) Memo from Member Clay and Vice Chair Cicero Regarding Agenda Requests

Chair DeSack reminded members any agenda item requests/ additions must be submitted by two committee members to the Chairperson.

NEW BUSINESS – School Committee Member Munroe’s Conduct at Meetings – Chair DeSack advised both of tonight’s New Business items will carry over to the next agenda, as Member Munroe is not in attendance at tonight’s meeting.

Member Munroe’s Open Meeting Law Complaint to the RI Attorney General –

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –Metcalf Fire Alarm - Update – Director of Administration Robert Ross referenced a correspondence he received from Torrado Architects regarding on call Architectural and Engineering service contract Task Order: 01 Fire Alarm system for

Metcalf School and explained the details of the contract. Mr.

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Ross reported a Torrado Architects representative plans to accompany the District at the State Fire Board Appeal and Review meeting scheduled for August 29, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.

2004 – 2005 Money Held Back by Exeter – Director of Administration Robert Ross reported the District received payment in full, plus interest, from the town of Exeter for the 2004 – 2005 money held back by Exeter. This account is now settled and closed. This item will no longer need to remain as an agenda item.

Superintendent Search – Chair DeSack received an e-mail from NESDEC reporting they have received one application and have spoken with 10 – 15 candidates inquiring about the Superintendency vacancy.

Consensus of the committee was to schedule a meeting in September to review applications. Chair DeSack surveyed members for their availability and all present agreed to schedule the meeting for Saturday, September 23, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. in the Administration Building conference room.

SAT Program Update – Director of Curriculum Nancy Daley gave an overview of members' packet enclosure SAT Class Proposal 2006/07.

Chair DeSack requested next year the District offer classes during the summer months in order to afford seniors the ability to prepare for the December test date. Ms. Daley will provide members with a summary of students' 2005/06 test results once compiled by the SAT class instructor.

Member Clay moved to accept the SAT Class Proposal 2006/07 with hours as stands. Vice Chair Cicero seconded. Voted 6 – 0.

New Textbook - Adoption – Director of Curriculum Nancy Daley reiterated the American History textbook will be used in advance placement classes and will begin as a faze in for Grade 10 this school year and for Grade 11 next school year. Vice Chair Cicero moved to accept the new textbook adoption. Seconded by Clerk Coutcher. Voted 5 – 1. Member McFadden voted no.

Policies – Review and Adoption - #7704 – Student and Parent Challenges to Planned Instruction – 2nd Reading – Members did not voice any questions or concerns regarding this policy. This policy will continue onto the next agenda for adoption.

#7803 – Controversial Issues in School Forums – 2nd Reading – Members did not voice any questions or concerns regarding this policy. This policy will continue onto the next agenda for adoption.

#7804 – Introduction of Supplementary Instructional Materials and

Presentation – 2nd Reading – Members did not voice any questions or concerns regarding this policy. This policy will continue onto the next agenda for adoption.

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REPORTS/COMMENTS – Chair DeSack reverted back to items pulled from the consent agenda.

Member Clay requested consent agenda item, B. Personnel Items, 1. Appointments, d. Request to Hire 1.0 FTE Behavior Specialist at Metcalf School, Salary \$23,060., effective August 28, 2006 be pulled from the consent agenda for discussion. Director of Administration Robert Ross recommended having such discussion during tonight's scheduled Executive Session, A. 42-46-5 (a) (9) – Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Vice Chair Cicero requested consent agenda item, B. Personnel Items, 1. Appointments, e. Joy Souza as Wawaloam School, 1.0 FTE Grade – 2 Teacher, Step 3, Bachelors, Salary \$40,358.00, effective August 28, 2006 be pulled for discussion. Vice Chair Cicero and Director of Administration Robert Ross briefly discussed how the Grade – 2 Teacher vacancy transpired.

Vice Chair Cicero moved to accept pulled consent agenda items, B.

Personnel Items, 1. Appointments, d. Request to Hire 1.0 FTE Behavior Specialist at Metcalf School, Salary \$23,060., effective August 28, 2006 and B. Personnel Items, 1. Appointments, e. Joy Souza as Wawaloam School, 1.0 FTE Grade – 2 Teacher, Step 3, Bachelors, Salary \$40,358.00, effective August 28, 2006. Seconded by Member Clay. Voted 5 – 1. Member McFadden voted no.

IMPORTANT DATES AND MEETINGS – August 28, 2006 – Teacher Orientation Day; August 30, 2006 – 1st Day – All Students, September 12, 2006 – School Committee Meeting; September 26, 2006 – School Committee Meeting

Vice Chair Cicero moved to reschedule the September 12, 2006 School Committee meeting to September 5, 2006. Seconded by Member Clay. Voted 5 – 1. Member McFadden voted no.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Chair DeSack moved to go into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. in accordance with RIGL 42-45-5 (a) (9) for the purpose of discussion regarding Collective Bargaining Agreement and 42-46-5 (a) (1) – Superintendent Search. Seconded by Member Clay. Voted 5 – 1. Member McFadden voted no.

Meeting recessed to Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

Clerk Coutcher moved to reconvene to Open Session. Seconded by Chair DeSack. Voted 6 – 0.

Meeting reconvened to Open Session at 9:00 p.m.

Chair DeSack called the meeting back to order in Open Session in accordance with RIGL 42-46-2 (b) at 9:00 p.m.

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A 6 – 0 vote was taken during Executive Session to accrete the existing position of Behavioral Specialist at Metcalf School into Council 94.

ADJOURNMENT – Member Clay moved to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. Seconded by Clerk Coutcher. Voted 6 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

ROBIN CERIO

CLERK